

Morning Worship
September 7, 2008
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Brother James' Air* arr. John Bell

THE INTROIT *Sing a New Song* arr. John L. Bell

Alleluia! Sing a new song, sing all the earth! Sing of the Lord's salvation day by day.
Tell of God's glory, praise God's worth among the nations.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 80: 7, 8-9

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**People: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* "Nicaea"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

In God's name I welcome you, my neighbor.

Some of us have strong faith. In some of us, faith falters. But we are all here as children of God, as inhabitants of one earth. We bring to this place our fears and anxieties, our visions and dreams for the future. We bring our politics and our prayers, our strengths and weaknesses, our issues and our concerns; and we lay them out on the ground, hoping that the middle ground may become not waste ground, not battleground, but common ground in Christ. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#62, Lift Up Your Hearts

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. (repeat)

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION # 515 *Now to Your Table Spread* "Love Unknown"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 33:12-20 pew Bible p. 77

THE ATHEM *With A Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honour of his name, Make his praise to be glorious.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 15:1-10 pew Bible p. 103

THE SERMON Rev. John Dillon

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Our Response to God's Love

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

Chris Fritz, Jamie Speis and Bryan Wodaski

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into

heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Among Us and Before Us

John Bell

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING # 525

Here I Am, Lord

"Here I Am, Lord"

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Here I Am, Lord

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

Music Notes

The Prelude, Introit and Offertory this morning are either compositions or arrangements by contemporary hymn-writer and composer, John Bell. A personal friend of John Dillon, Rev John Lambertson Bell (1949 -) is one of the English-speaking world's most influential living hymn-writers. A Church of Scotland minister, he is a member of the Iona Community, a broadcaster, and former student activist. John Bell not only has produced many collections of original hymns and songs and two collections of songs of the World Church, but travels the world and presents workshops and seminars.

The Iona Community, founded in 1938 by the Rev. George MacLeod, is an ecumenical Christian community of men and women from different walks of life and different traditions in the Christian church that is committed to seeking new ways of living the gospel of Jesus in today's world.

It is headquartered in Glasgow, Scotland, but its main activities take place on the island of Iona. The community has its own ecumenical liturgy, which is used daily in the abbey and elsewhere. Experimental worship is developed by the Wild Goose Resource Group, which takes its name from one of the ancient Irish symbols for the Holy Spirit. The Group exists to enable and equip congregations and clergy in the shaping and creation of new forms of relevant and participative worship.

The music and lyrics of this morning's Anthem is a composition of English composer Martin Shaw. Martin Shaw (1875-1958) was an English composer of church music. In particular he is remembered as an editor and arranger of the two hymn anthologies *Songs of Praise* and *The Oxford Book of Carols*. However, he also published over 300 other works, including an oratorio, several instrumental works, and a congregational Mass setting.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (7)

- 9:00 AM Sunday School Olympic Breakfast
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion, New Elder Ordination/Installation
- 5:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (8)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Book Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (9)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 4:30 PM Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (10)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (11)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (12)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (14)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Massanetta Youth Service, Blessing of Backpacks
Presentation of Bibles, On the Air WCBC
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting